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Office Action Summary

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HSU, GEORGE

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 19-20, 24-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S.

Patent No. 6,580,950 to Johnson et al.

- a. As per claims 19 and 24, Johnson et al teaches an Internet based home communication system. Furthermore, Johnson et al teaches an Internet-enabled control system for monitoring and controlling home-automated-systems and appliances at a user's premise, comprising: a base station with Internet connection at the user's premise, the base station in communication with sensing and actuating subsystems at individual ones of the home-automated systems and appliances (See col. 4, lines 16-22); a first Internet-connected server communicating over the Internet with the base station, the first server monitoring the sensing subsystems and providing actuating commands to the actuating subsystems through the base station (See col. 4, lines 55-65); a second Internet-connected server providing a set of services to the user not related to control of the home-automated systems and appliances (col. 4, lines 22-24); and an interactive control interface presentable by the second server, providing a control interface to the

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user at any Internet-connected appliance, enabling the user to access settings, view conditions, and issue commands to the home automated systems and appliances over the Internet to the first server and hence to the base station and the systems and appliances themselves, while connected from the Internet appliance to the second server (See col. 4, lines 41-54); wherein the interactive control interface is personalized to the particular user, provided by prior agreement with the user, and activated by an authentication technique (See col. 6., lines 36-51).

b. As per claim 20 and 25, Johnson et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Johnson et al teaches wherein the authentication technique comprises a password (See col. 6, lines 40).

c. As per claims 21 and 26, Johnson et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Johnson et al teaches wherein the authentication technique is by prearrangement with the second server verifying the identity of the user or the Internet appliance controlled by the user (See col. 6, lines 41-43).

d. As per claims 22 and 27, Johnson et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Johnson et al teaches wherein the interactive interface comprises a window opened from the second server, the window providing information fields and input fields for the user to read conditions at and to provide input to the systems and appliances (See col. 6, lines 61-67 and col. 7, lines 1-3).

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e. As per claim 23 and 28, Johnson et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Johnson et al teaches a data center comprised one or more server computer in communication with a global network such as the Internet that provide many unrelated services (See col. 4, lines 41-44).

Conclusion


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Djenane M Bayard whose telephone number is (571) 272-3878. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday 5:30 AM- 3:00 PM..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571) 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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